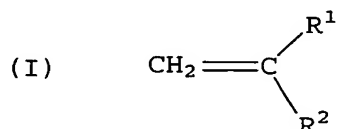


METHOD OF MAKING COPOLYMERS CONTAINING OLEFINIC TYPE MONOMERS

ABSTRACT

Copolymers containing residues of at least one olefinic monomer and a method of making such copolymers including the steps of:

- (a) providing a pressurized stirred tank;
- (b) feeding monomer compositions to one or more stirred tank reactors, where at least one monomer composition includes one or more monomers according to structure (I):



where R^1 is linear or branched C_1 to C_4 alkyl and R^2 is selected from methyl, linear, cyclic or branched C_1 to C_{20} alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkaryl and aralkyl;

- (c) feeding an initiator composition to the STR;
- (d) maintaining in the STR hydraulically full;
- (e) maintaining the monomer compositions in (b) and the initiator compositions in (c) in the STR for a residence time sufficient to effect conversion of the monomers to a copolymer composition; and
- (f) discharging the copolymer composition.